

LONG-TERM CARE SUPPORTS AND SERVICES ADVISORY
COMMISSION
CAPITOL VIEW - LANSING, MICHIGAN
FEBRUARY 25, 2008

NOTES

SINCE THERE WAS NO QUORUM, THIS WAS NOT AN OFFICIAL MEETING, THEREFORE, NO MINUTES WERE TAKEN

COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE: RoAnne Chaney, Christine Chesny, Andrew Farmer, Connie Fuller, William Gutos, Jon Reardon, Toni Wilson

EXCUSED: Robert Allison, Linda Ewing, Dohn Hoyle, William Mania, Yolanda McKinney, Hollis Turnham

EX OFFICIO AND OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Michael Head, Don Mussen, Sarah Slocum

I. ORGANIZING OURSELVES

A. INTRODUCTIONS

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND JANUARY MINUTES - No action was taken due to the lack of a quorum.

C. REPORT OF CHAIR – Farmer presented a proposed Commission schedule for consideration. This should be voted on next month, given a quorum is present. The proposed meeting in September is in Detroit.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT: There is no public comment

II. WHAT'S HAPPENING

A. STATE BUDGET OVERVIEW - Head provided a copy of the presentation that was made to the Senate appropriations subcommittee on the Governor's FY 2009 budget proposal. There was lengthy discussion regarding the impact of this proposal on nursing facilities. Several issues were raised and discussed.

Reardon provided a copy of the Health Care Association of Michigan's testimony at the Senate appropriations committee

budget hearing. HCAM is proposing a health care pass through be provided to fund health insurance for unlicensed nonprofessional-type staff.

Slocum requested data on the impact of the proposed limit on the variable cost limit for nursing facilities. She is also interested in knowing how the limited rate compares to the federal marketbasket figures.

Farmer noted that the Commission continues to support funding for the full array of long-term care services and indicates the budget should be revisited in March to determine whether any advocacy action is needed on the part of the Commission.

B. OLTCCSS OFFICE UPDATE - Head provided a summary of the various grants the Offices manages. The following issues were raised and clarifications provided regarding the grants:

- The Prepaid LTC Health Plan is the managed care pilot project from the Money Follows the Person grant. The Department is awaiting a data request from the contractor conducting the feasibility study. Once data is received, the study should be completed in 60 days.
- There was a request to post the stakeholder group for the Deficit Reduction Act/Money Follows the Person Act on the web page. The Office will pursue.

On Friday, February 29, the Office will be holding an Open House for their new office at 201 Townsend, 1st Floor, Lansing.

The Office also received approval from the Department to fill 10 positions. Two of the positions are currently filled by contractors.

FY 2008 DCH boilerplate requires Department to study casemix. This effort is specifically targeted to nursing facilities. It does not include home and community-based services. A report is due to the legislature in July. The Advisory Commission's Finance workgroup is looking at case mix across all long-term care services, not just the nursing facilities.

III. WORKGROUPS MOVING FORWARD - The workgroups continue to meet.

- **CLOSING COMMENTS** - The proposed 2008 meeting schedule allows for workgroups meeting every other month. Workgroup meetings do not involve a quorum of Advisory Commission members and as such, are not in violation of the Open Meetings Act requirement for posting meeting notices. It was suggested, as a matter of public policy, that meeting schedules be posted on the DCH website.

C. **ADJOURN** - The meeting ended at 4:05 p.m.